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Franken- go kill yourself	"Tell me, Frankenstein, I was bereaved, my soul glowed with love and humanity" (p82)	Physically he is not a human, but he is human like and has human soul and thought. The fact that the monster thought he does have a "soul" makes him have this human entry inside of him. He shows love and humanity, which makes him have the soul/morality of a human, even if it biologically cannot be a human.
Doomed	The guilty are allowed by human laws, bloody as they are, to speak in their own defence before they are condemned. Listen to me Frankenstein. You are accused of murder and yet you stand with a selfish conscience decisionless	If I was a human you would let me explain my self but I'm not a human so you will just kill me & not think twice

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The Enlightenment Literary Scholars Part II	"But where were my friends & relations? No father had noticed my infant days no mother had blessed me w/ smiles & caresses; or if they had, all my best life was now a blot, a blind vacancy in which I knew nothing; ^{& distinguishing}	The more he learned about his own state and realized he did not have family. The next morning someone so treat him like parental figures is the fact that knowledge separates man & animal.
The Victims	The guilty one accused by human laws, bloody as they are, to speak in their own defense before they are condemned. Listen to me Frankenstein, you accuse me of murder and yet you would w/a satisfied conscience destroy your own creature.	Humans have a sense of justice (what's right & wrong) and have the capability to judge. Humans have a conscience and moral judgements, and guilt. Humans can defend themselves due to free will; animals don't. Free will allows them to choose b/n right & wrong but the ability to morals guide humans' choices.
Dirty Mike and the Bayer	"Have I not suffered enough, that you seek to increase my misery? Life although it may only be an accumulation of anguish, is dear to me, and I will defend it." Ch 10	The argument we make is that there is a significant difference between a human and a person. Humans may be classified as simply a genetically similar species. However persons who deserve the opportunity to lead a successful life in society are those who can create original ideas and act upon them based on their moral decisions and notions which is what the monster tries to argue is the drive of his existence.
Haywood Shakes! Go North Korea!	This trait of kindness moved me sensibly. I had been accustomed during the night to steal a part of their store for my consumption but when I found that in doing this I inflicted pain on the cottagers, I abstained	Humans are the most self-aware of all animals. Humans are also very social and value opinions of others. Another definitive trait is guilt. Frankenstein (monster) shows this human guilt as well as his self-awareness when he sacrifices the ease of stealing food. The monster is kind and sympathetic. He sacrifices his ease for the benefit of others, which is inately human.

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Regret	"I am blind, & cannot judge of your countenance, but there is something in your words which persuades me that you are sincere. I am poor & an exile; but it will afford me true pleasure to be in any way servicable to a human creature."	Frankenstein's monster is a human because other humans judge him as such based upon his behavior towards other humans. The word "sincere" is defined as pure, unmixed, unadulterated, and as genuine & real. The monster is described as being human based upon his way of interacting with the blind man rather than his appearance. In this way he is a human.
Frank- Einsteins	"All men hate the wretched; how then must I be hated, who am miserable beyond all living things!" Ch. 10	The definition of human is of or characteristic of people's better qualities such as kindness or sensitivity. Using this definition, humans are defined as "human" based upon the standards set upon by society. Thus, if society does not approve the standards or likeness of Frankenstein, then he is not considered human. Note the meaning of wretched, a very unhappy or unfortunate state. Wretched people are different from social norm because of this they are shunned, thus, they are not human.
The Wretched Devils	"Suddenly, as I gazed on him an idea seized me that this little creature was unprejudiced and had lived to little time to have imbibed a horror of deformity. If, therefore, I could seize him and educate him as my companion and friend I should not be so desolate in this peopled earth - Ch 16	What make a human human is his ability to have emotions and empathy and the desire and intellect to be human. Frankenstein has a strong desire to fit in and be a normal. He also has the intellect to assume the young man would not judge him. He strives for company and to not be "wretched" what makes him so is the company.
Franken- Steinbeck	"Of what a strange nature is knowledge! It clings to the mind, when it has once seized on it, like a lichen on the rock. I wished sometimes to shake off all thought & feeling, but I learned that there was but one way to overcome the sensation of pain, and that was death - a state which I feared, yet did not understand." (Ch 13)	A human is classified by having human DNA. However a Romantic view on what makes a human, human is someone who has the ability to be self-aware and have curiosity; the capacity to learn. The creation has human DNA, and it also is very curious - it has a strong interest in learning. The creation thus is considered human. He says he "wished... to shake off all thought & feeling" showing that he has the capacity to think, feel, and fear → he refers to death as "a state which I feared yet did not understand."